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FOLLOWING STATE 039666 ACTION BRUSSELS THE HAGUE
OSLO VIENNA INFO MOSCOW WARSAW CINCEUR 17TH AF SEMBACH
AB GERMANY COMMANDANT NWC WASHDC FEB 27TH.

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SUBJEC: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE OVERSEAS STUDY TRIP

REF: STATE 18996

1. FOR ITS 1974 OVERSEAS STUDY TRIP THE NATIONAL WAR
COLLEGE HAS REQUESTED, AND USG HAS APPROVED, PERMISSION TO
VISIT USSR AND POLAND 22-28 APRIL AND 2-5 MAY RESPECTIVELY.
WE AWAIT USSR AND POLISH GOVT REPLIES. IN THE EVENT THAT
USSR/POLAND RESPONSE IS NEGATIVE, A TENTATIVE ALTERNATE
SCHEDULE WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

BRUSSELS	22-24 APRIL
THE HAGUE	24-26 APRIL
OSLO	26-28 APRIL
VIENNA	2-5 MAY

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TRAVEL WILL BE BY USAF C-118 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THESE VISITS IS TO REVIEW THE CONDUCT OF US NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS AND TO STUDY SECURITY ISSUES. GROUPS NORMALLY MEET WITH THE TOP CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP, THE US MISSION CHIEF, AND IF POSSIBLE, THE HEAD OF STATE- IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AN AUTHORITATIVE FIRSTHAND IMPRESSION OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL MILITARY, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND OTHER ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTRY AND REGION.

3. VISITS LISTED ABOVE HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY DOD, STATE, AND CINCEUR, AND HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES, WHO WILL MAKE SIMILAR TRIPS TO THE AREA DURING THE PERIOD 10-24 MAY 1974. NWC GROUP WILL CONSIST OF 47 MEMBERS OF LT COL AND COL, GS-15, AND FSO-3 LEVEL. TRIP DIRECTOR IS VICE ADMIRAL M.G. BAYNE, USN, COMMANDANT, NWC. TRIP EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO COORDINATES ALL ACTIVITIES, IS COL R. J. PERRICH, USMC, TEL: OX 3-8493.

4. EMBASSIES INVOLVED WOULD BE ASKED TO ASSIST IN THE VISIT AND TO COORDINATE THE TOUR; I.E., OFFICIAL VISITS, BRIEFINGS, BILLETING, AND SOCIAL ASPECTS, WITH THE TRIP EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EACH EMBASSY WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS OF THE NWC GROUP WITH TOP OFFICIALS. IT IS HOPED THAT WHERE POSSIBLE THIS WILL INCLUDE PRIME MINISTERS, OTHERS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, AND THE CHIEF OF STATE.

5. A SEPARATE LETTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE DATA FROM THE COMMANDANT, NWC, TO THE CHIEFS OF MISSION OUTLINING THE TRIP IN MORE DETAIL WILL BE FORTHCOMING, AS WILL A LETTER FROM THE TRIP EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE PROJECT OFFICER.

6. WE ANTICIPATE LATE REPLY BY SOVIET AND POLISH GOVTS TO OUR REQUESTS TO RECEIVE THE VISITS, AND IN ORDER TO HAVE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE IN EVENT THE LATE REPLY IS NEGATIVE, WE ASK THAT EMBASSY

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A. PROVIDE COMMENTS AS TO FEASIBILITY OF THE PROPOSED DATES FOR VISIT;

B. NOMINATE A PROJECT OFFICER, SEND BY CABLE HIS NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER; AND

C. INFORMALLY SOUND OUT HOST GOVERNMENT'S LIKELY REACTION TO A LATE USG REQUEST THAT THEY ACCOMMODATE THE

VISIT.

7. FOR BRUSSELS: THE NWC INTEREST IS IN BELGIAN NATIONAL
BRIEFING AND NOT NATO OR EC.

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